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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the response to the restriction requirement filed on October 20, 2005. In response to the restriction requirement, Group I was elected. Upon further determination, the restriction is withdrawn and all claims are considered. Claims 1-50 are pending. Claims 1-50 represent a method for accessing resources on a private network.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 34-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The computer readable medium in claims 34 and 44 is explained in the specification as including a carrier wave. A carrier wave is not a tangible medium and is therefore non-statutory. The computer readable medium must be recordable for it to satisfy the requirements of statutory subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-50 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Coley et al. US Patent No. 5,826,014. Coley teaches the invention as claimed including a firewall system for protecting network elements connected to a public network (see abstract).

As per claims 1, 32, 33, 34, 39, and 43 Coley et al. teaches a method, system and computer readable medium for accessing resources on a private network via an intermediary server said method comprising:

(a) receiving a login request from a user for access to the intermediary server (column 10, lines 1-67; column 11, lines 1-31);

(b) authenticating the user (column 9, lines 47-60);

(c) subsequently receiving a resource request from the user at the intermediary server, the resource request requesting a particular operation with respect to a resource from the private network (column 11, lines 8-40; column 54, lines 54-67);

(d) obtaining access privileges for the user (column 9, lines 1-32);

(e) determining whether the access privileges for the user permit the user to perform the particular operation at the private network (column 9, lines 1-32), and

(f) preventing performance of the particular operation at the private network such that a response to the resource request is not had when said determining (e) determines that the access privileges for the user do not permit the user to perform the particular operation at the private network (column 11, lines 8-40).

As per claims 19 and 44, Coley et al. teaches a method for providing remote access to a private network via an intermediary server, said method comprising:

(a) receiving a login request from a remote user for access to the intermediary server (column 10, line 1-67; column 11, lines 1-31);

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(b) determining whether the remote user is permitted access to the intermediary server (column 9, lines 47-60);

(c) granting the remote user access to the intermediary server when said determining (b) determines that the remote user is permitted access, the granted access also carries access privileges to predetermined portions of the private network (column 11, lines 8-40, 54-67);

(d) subsequently receiving a resource request from the remote user at the intermediary server, the resource request requesting a particular resource (column 9, lines 1-32)

(e) determining whether the resource request from the remote user is permitted by the access privileges (column 9, 1-32)

(f) supplying the particular resource to the remote user when said determining (e) determines that the resource request from the user is permitted (column 9, lines 1-32); and

(g) denying the remote user from access to the particular resource when said determining (e) determines that the resource request from the user is not permitted (column 11, lines 8-40).

As per claims 2 and 35, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 1, wherein the particular operation is one of a resource request, a file access operation or an email operation (column 8, lines 26-41)

As per claim 3 and 36, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 1, wherein said authenticating (b) determines whether the user is authenticated based on an external authentication server (column 8, lines 42-61).

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As per claim 4, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 3, wherein the external authentication server is within the private network (column 8, lines 42-54).

As per claims 5 and 37, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 1, wherein the intermediary server stores the access privileges for a plurality of users (column 9, lines 1-32; column 11, lines 8-40).

As per claim 6, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 1, wherein the intermediary server stores an authentication identifier for each of a plurality of users, the authentication identifier identifies an external authentication server to be used to perform said authenticating (b) (column 10, lines 36-55; column 11, lines 8-40).

As per claim 7, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 6, wherein the external authentication server is within the private network (column 10, lines 36-55; column 11, lines 8-40).

As per claim 8, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 7, wherein the authentication identifier comprises a network address for the external authentication server (column 9, lines 34-46).

As per claim 9, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 1, wherein the resource request is from a client-side application operating on a client machine (column 8, lines 29-41; column 9, lines 1-32).

As per claim 10, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 9, wherein the client side application is selected from the group consisting of a web browser, an email application or a file access application column 8, lines 26-41).

As per claim 11, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 1, wherein the user is a remote user (column 8, lines 29-41; column 9, lines 1-32).

As per claims 12 and 38, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 1, wherein the resource request is from a client-side application operating on a remote client machine (column 8, lines 29-41; column 9, lines 1-32).

As per claim 13, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 1, wherein the private network is an 25 intranet or other network (column 8, lines 29-41; column 9, lines 1-32).

As per claim 14, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 1 , wherein the resource request is from a network browser (column 8, lines 29-41; column 9, lines 1-32).

As per claim 15, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 1 , wherein said method further comprises: (g) performing the particular operation at the private network to determine a response to the resource request when said determining (e) (column 8, lines 29-41; column 9, lines 1-32).

As per claims 16 and 40, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claims 1 and 34 , wherein the user has an Internet Protocol (IP) address associated therewith, and wherein said determining (e) comprises:

(e1) determining whether the access privileges for the user permit the user to perform the particular operation at the private network; and

(e2) determining whether the IP address associated with the user is authorized.

As per claims 17 and 41, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 16 and 40, wherein said determining (e) further comprises: (e3) determining whether time-of-day restrictions are satisfied (column 9, lines 61-67; column 10, lines 1-26).

As per claims 18 and 42, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claims 17 and 40, wherein the access privileges comprise permitted operations, authorized IP addresses, and time-of-day restrictions for a plurality of users (column 9, lines 34-67; column 10, line 1-26; column 11, lines 8-53).

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As per claims 20 and 45, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 19, wherein said supplying (f) comprises: (f1) retrieving the particular resource from a content server; (f2) modifying at least one URL within the particular resource, and (f3) sending the modified resource to the remote user (column 11, lines 1-40).

As per claims 21 and 46, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 19, wherein said supplying (f) comprises: (f1) modifying the response so that links within the response point to the intermediate server; and (f2) sending the modified resource to the remote user (column 8, lines 64-67; column 9, lines 1-31; column 10, lines 1-26; column 12, lines 6-24).

As per claims 22 and 47, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 19, wherein said supplying (f) comprises: (f1) determining a host name for a remote server hosting the particular resource being requested, (f2) sending a request for the particular resource to the remote server based on the determined host name; and (f3) receiving, at the intermediary server, a response to the request from the remote server (column 12, lines 6-24; column 13, lines 11-20).

As per claims 23 and 48, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claim 22, wherein said supplying (f) comprises: (f4) modifying the response so that links within the response point to the intermediate server, and (f5) sending the modified resource to the remote user (column 12, lines 6-24; column 13, lines 11-20).

As per claim 24 and 28, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claims 19 and 23, wherein the private network is an intranet (column 8, lines 29-41; column 9, lines 1-32).

As per claims 25 and 29, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claims 19 and 23, wherein the resource request is from a network browser (column 8, lines 29-41; column 9, lines 1-32).

As per claims 26 and 49, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claims 23 and 34, wherein the resource request is from a client-side application operating on a remote client machine (column 8, lines 29-41; column 9, lines 1-32).

As per claims 27, 30 and 50, Coley et al. teaches a method as recited in claims 25, 19, and 44 wherein the client-side application is selected from the group consisting of: a web browser, an email application or a file access application (column 8, lines 29-41; column 9, lines 1-32).

As per claim 31, Coley et al. teaches an intermediary server system, comprising: a web server that receives requests for resources from client machines via a network (column 7, lines 1-21);

a protocol handler operatively connected to said web server, said protocol handler receives the requests for resources, modifies the requests to be directed to appropriate remote

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servers via the private network, and forwards the modified requests for resources to the appropriate remote servers(column 7, lines 35-62); and

a content transformer operatively connected to said protocol handler, said content transformer receives the resources supplied by the appropriate remote servers in response to the modified requests and modifies the resources such that at least certain links contained therein are modified to be directed to said intermediary server system instead of remote servers (column 7, lines 35-62; column 8, lines 63-67; column 9, lines 1-31).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

4. Grantges Jr. et al. US Patent No. 6,510,464

5. Win et al. US Patent No. 6,182,142

6. Allavarpu US Patent No. 6,950,935

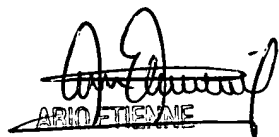
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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